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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

RADIO Ramallah's assertion on Tuesday that Israel has failed to make friends with a single Asian state must be somewhat less than a hollow consolation to those Arabs aware of the actual state of affairs. In point of fact, when one considers the spontaneous sympathy of the free Asian states for their less fortunate brethren, the persistent activities there of large and of influential Moslem communities and the paucity of our own propaganda effort in those countries, Israel's stock in some of them is surprisingly high even at government level, and still better placed among important progressive sections of their populations. This being so, Ramallah's contention hardly would have appeared worthy of comment were it not for the existence in Israel of a school of thought which by devious reasoning appears to reach the same conclusion. This school takes Asian hostility for granted, sneers superciliously at what it calls "Asian orientation" and would dismiss any sustained effort to present Israel's case to Asia as a waste of time. The practical affinity between this muddled, and Ramallah's wishful thinking, should be enough to indicate its real worth.

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THE peoples of Asia, preoccupied with their own monstrous difficulties, are almost totally unaware of Israel, her hopes and tribulations. They should be made aware of them and Israelis, on the other hand, must not be ignorant of an area peopled by more than half of mankind. Moreover, the leaders of Asia are not completely disinterested in the Middle East, as shown by the communique of the five Asian Prime Ministers who met recently, and our own "Forget Asia" school pounced on this very communique, in fact, as proof of the object futility of seeking to enlist sympathy in the Orient. Yet, when our concerted efforts to win understanding in America are juxtaposed to our inactivity in Asia, the Middle East references in the Colombo communique compare very favourably with Mr. Byroade's pronouncements. When it is further remembered that one of the most influential of the five states was the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which pretends to leadership of the Moslem world, and that another important member, Indonesia, is also Moslem though without pretensions, these references appear at least moderate, if not unjust. There can be little doubt that while the Colombo conference had intended to tackle the question of Tunisia and Morocco, the extension of its agenda to the Middle East came about at the insistence of Pakistan and Indonesia. There can be less doubt that the wording of the communique, had it been left to the Premiers of these two Moslem states, would have been far more prejudiced. That it was not should indicate both to Ramallah and others the measure of Israel's prestige at least in the three remaining countries.

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WHATEVER sympathy for Israel exists in India, Burma and Colombo must be credited to the political maturity of their leaders, to Israel's behaviour at the United Nations, where her representatives have not been tempted into vengeful hostility in discussions on colonialism in North Africa, and last but not least to Israel's participation in Asian Socialist conferences, where Mapai delegates have won an ungrudging respect which may well be the envy of Jordan's feudal lords. It might take some wind out of their sails to know that the current Asian Socialist conference was transferred from Indonesia to Burma precisely because the former was being difficult about admitting Israel delegates, and that Indonesian delegates will nevertheless attend.

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THE Colombo communique should be proof that Asia is not entirely inhospitable virgin soil where Israel cannot hope to plant understanding with any chance of success. It is well worth the effort, for if the Arab states sneer at suggestions from the "imperialist" West, they would risk complete isolation should they discount as cheaply words of reason from Asia. At least it would appear a better proposition than the promptings of those adventurous souls who would have us ignore surrounding reality and invite America to start a nice, friendly arms race in the Middle East.

Jerusalem, May 6, 1954.

Talks for Extra US Aid Denied

WASHINGTON, Wednesday — (UP). American officials said today that they are not negotiating for additional grant of aid to Israel for the current fiscal year over and above the $62.5m. allocated.

They added that a report to that effect published in Israel had been brought to their attention, but that they knew of no conversations under way with that end in view.

Asked about a report that the Israel request was for $15m. worth of surplus food, American sources replied that they had not heard of that figure but that it represents the additional Grant-in-aid for which Israel was hoping.

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Byroade Rejects Israel Charge of Interference

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — The State Department today issued an unusual communique, which indicated rejection of the Israel Government's protest against the views recently expressed by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Byroade, concerning immigration to Israel.

The communique was issued following the meeting at the State Department today of the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, and Mr. Byroade. According to the communique, Mr. Eban called on Mr. Byroade to protest officially against certain parts of his recent Philadelphia speech.

Mr. Byroade, the statement went on, informed the Ambassador that he had felt impelled to speak frankly on what seemed to be some of the underlying causes of the Israel-Arab dispute, because it seemed to be increasingly affecting the security of the Middle East — and hence of the United States.

He said that he felt the American people were entitled to such information, particularly in view of the new evidence of Russian intentions in the Middle East, which had not heretofore been highlighted for them.

The communique continued — Mr. Eban had been informed by Mr. Byroade that he regretted that the Israel Government had interpreted his remarks on the subject of immigration as interference in Israel internal affairs. It seemed to him that this overlooked the basic point in that portion of the speech, which was that the Arab world was afraid of Israel expansionism at some future date to meet the needs of its expanded population. The fact that such fears existed reached the Department daily in its many reports from all over the Middle East, confirmed by frequent first-hand observations in the field by visiting State Department personnel.

Mr. Byroade pointed out that an analysis of his speech would reveal that the course of action which Israel might take to lay at rest these Arab fears, was not specified, and he hoped that serious attention would be given to finding a solution.

After the meeting, Mr. Eban disclosed that he would call on Mr. Dulles, the Secretary of State, next week to pursue the matter further by delivering a formal complaint on behalf of his Government. Mr. Eban did not present any Note today.

UK Said Trying To Isolate Jordan

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — A despatch to the Cairo "Al Ahram" said today that Arab diplomats here had received top secret reports that Britain was trying to isolate Jordan from the rest of the Arab states. According to Arab diplomats, Britain was saying that she was only trying to strengthen the Armistice Agreement, but once Jordan was isolated she would feel herself compelled to sit down for armistice or peace negotiations.

Indo-China Talks To Begin on Saturday

GENEVA, Wednesday. — Talks on a peace settlement of the Indo-China war are to begin here on Saturday.

This was decided at a private meeting today between the French Ambassador to Switzerland, M. Jean Chauvel, and the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko.

Informed diplomats said today that Britain had agreed to American requests to begin preliminary talks for a South-East Asia collective security pact.

The 19-nation conference on Korea is suspended. There was neither a plenary session nor any closed meetings today.

In Washington today, President Eisenhower said that the proposed South-East Asia security arrangement is "in the process of formation."

In a statement read to his weekly press conference, Mr. Eisenhower announced: "Progress in this matter has been considerable, and I am convinced that further progress will continue to be made."

Other points made by the President were:

Mr. Dulles and his diplomacy have the President's unqualified support and he rejects claims that American foreign policy had suffered a defeat at Geneva.

The Communist proposal for Korean unification is as unacceptable as their proposal for unifying Germany.

The McCarthy-Army feud has caused the U.S. to lose international prestige and national self-respect. The President stands firmly by the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens.

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Syria Condemns MAC Chairman

DAMASCUS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Syrian Government claimed yesterday that the Chairman of the Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, Colonel Van Horn, had violated the provisions of the Armistice Agreement, exceeded his authority and employed a "veto."

The complaint was made in a memorandum handed to the U.N. Chief of Staff, General Bennike, when he saw the Syrian Foreign Minister, Faid el Atassi.

The memorandum said that Colonel Van Horn had infringed the Armistice provisions and exceeded his authority by unjustifiably adjourning a M.A.C. meeting last Friday.

US Envoy Leaving Israel Today

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (USIS). — Mr. Francis H. Russell, U.S. Charge d'Affaires, accompanied by Mrs. Russell is leaving Israel tomorrow morning on a short trip to Istanbul, and will return to Tel Aviv in approximately 10 days.

During his absence Mr. Ivan B. White, Counsellor of Embassy, will be in charge of the U.S. Embassy as Charge d'Affaires *ad interim*.

US, USSR GREETINGS

The following greeting was sent by President Eisenhower to President Ben-Zvi on the occasion of Independence Day:

"The people of the U.S. join me in sending congratulations and sincere good wishes to Your Excellency and to the people of Israel on this anniversary of Israel's independence."

The following cable was sent by Marshal Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, to President Ben-Zvi:

"To his excellency, Mr. Itshak Ben-Zvi, President of Israel. I request you, Mr. President, to accept my personal congratulations and best wishes which I extend to you and the People of Israel on the occasion of Independence Day."

FIRE FROM JORDAN

Fire was opened across the Armistice Line from Jordan on two members of Mevuot Betar, in the Jerusalem Corridor, the Army spokesman announced yesterday. No one was hurt.

UN Told of Israel Border Casualties

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday — The Security Council adjourned last night until next Wednesday when it will resume discussion on the situation on Israel's borders and Israel and Jordan charges on various incidents.

Before the adjournment, the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, reported to the Council that since the signing of the Armistice Agreement with Jordan, 218 Israelis had been killed and 300 wounded in border incidents. During the last four months Jordan had inflicted 25 deaths and had wounded 73 persons.

Mr. Eban charged that 977 armed attacks had been organised by Jordan against Israel territory and that 118 had occurred in the past four months, since discussion of the issue in the Security Council was suspended.

"The problem is one of constant military attack to which the frontier population on our side is increasingly unwilling to submit. It is the temper of our people that this series of bloodshed must be halted."

Mr. Eban said that he would send an official letter to the President of the Council to verify whether Jordan, not a member of the U.N., is bound during the Security Council discussions, to accept in advance "the obligations of pacific settlement provided in the U.N. Charter." *(Reuter, UP)*

Seventh Year of Israel Independence Begins As Premier Sounds Keynote of Self-Reliance

Keys to Israel's Gate 'Sacred Trust'

The proclamation of the State of Israel was the proud and crushing reply to the destruction of the Jews of Europe, Prime Minister Sharett said in his Independence Day broadcast to the nation over Kol Yisrael last night. He referred to the keys to the gate of Israel as a sacred trust, redeemed by our sons and stained with their blood.

The establishment of the State had opened up opportunities of free growth and consolidation and had set a challenge to the people of Israel and to world Jewry to realise those possibilities. After paying tribute to the support and enthusiasm of Jews throughout the world, and acknowledging the aid received by Israel, particularly from the United States, the Prime Minister issued a solemn warning against prolonged reliance on foreign aid.

He particularly emphasized the moral problem involved in the settled population neglecting the need for more austere efforts and looking to foreign aid to maintain an artificially high standard of life. Foreign aid was only justified in helping Israel to absorb new immigrants and develop the country's latent potentialities.

Appeasing Arabs

Mr. Sharett noted the dangers in the competition to appease the Arab States, now a feature of the foreign policy of great powers. He warned that Israel, the basis of whose life as a State and whose international status was attacked from time to time from unexpected quarters in the international arena, must stand ready to repel any attack, no matter from what quarter it may come.

To the task of defending the State against external perils, Mr. Sharett added another prime duty, to unite and consolidate the State internally. He suggested three main methods of reaching these goals: effective and wise use of our international status and contacts, strengthening of the bonds with world Jewry and — most important — reliance on our own strength.

To strengthen the State, the Prime Minister appealed for prompt and full discharge of civic obligations, among which the payment of taxes was of first importance. There must also be a move towards the full equality of rights for all sections of the population and the creation of a sense of responsible citizenship.

This day, he said in opening his speech, we re-live the great event which took place six years ago when we proclaimed the independence of Israel in its land. Around us raged a tempest of blood and fire. Hardly had our freedom been born when it had to fight for its life against the onslaught of the Arab states.

David vs. Goliath

We mobilised the full extent of our limited power to defend ourselves and fight back. The whole world was amazed at the sight of this fight of David against Goliath. The heroism of our sons decided the issue and brought us victory. They knew that the struggle was not only for the life of the Jews of this country but for the honour, the destiny and the future of the whole Jewish people.

The hopes of many generations hung in the balance between victory and defeat. The State which we established and for whose defence we risked our very lives, was to serve as reparation for the bitter suffering and the shameful weakness of life in exile. The proclamation of the State was the proud and decisive reply to the destruction of the Jews of Europe. It served to build a fortified barrier against the ever-running of our country by a flood of Arab domination. It was the guarantee that Jews

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President's Message

On this sixth anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel, I send greetings to my fellow citizens and to the Jewish people everywhere.

These have been years of struggle and achievement, years of creative accomplishment, and years, too, of suffering and sacrifice. We have witnessed in these six years the ingathering of the exiles, with entire communities from the Diaspora reaching Israel from the east and from the west. Their coming has doubled the numbers of those who dwell and labour in Zion, in the field and in the factory, in the resettled hills of Galilee and in the revived Negev wastelands. Throughout the length and breadth of our homeland our heritage has been renewed by blood and toil.

We have not been unaware of the dangers that have threatened us since the establishment of the State. Even to this day — five years after the signing of the armistice agreements — our neighbours still seek our downfall. The incessant bloodshed on our frontiers has shown us that we must be ever watchful, ever on the alert, and that we ignore these dangers at our peril. Yet among our friends there are those who fail to recognize this threat — a threat to us and to the world at large — and continue to encourage and strengthen the aggressors.

In the year just ended, as in former years, Israel has neglected no opportunity to express her sincere desire for peace with her neighbours and for the establishment of true peace throughout the world. During the past year we renewed normal relations with one of the great powers upon whom the peace of the world largely depends, yet we failed in our efforts to make peace with our own close neighbours who persist in their aggressive designs upon us.

system of national education during the year replaced the wasteful trend-system of education and today a quarter

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President Ben-Zvi yesterday received in his Office in Jerusalem members of the Diplomatic Corps who came to express their best wishes on the occasion of Israel's sixth Independence Day.

Sir Francis Evans, Ambassador of Great Britain, (shown above greeting Mr. Ben-Zvi, who as Dean of the Corps, conveyed the respects of the assembled diplomats, said that his hope was that the State "will prosper and that peace and happiness will always be the lot of its citizens."

In his reply, the President said that "our hopes are extended for the happiness of the countries of the world and for cooperation and brotherhood among them. I hope that this request will be granted for the good of all mankind and that peace and truth will reign in the world."

Present at the ceremony were Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry.

Members of the Corps present were: M. Pierre Eugene Gilbert, Ambassador, France; Mr. Gueorgui K. Bogdanov, Minister, Bulgaria; Mr. Ernst Hougen, Minister, Norway; Mr. Sefkati Istinyeli, Minister, Turkey; Mr. Gideon Walrave Boissevain, Minister, Holland; Mr. Alexander N. Abramov, Minister, Soviet Union; Dr. Fritz Hegg, Minister, Switzerland; Mr. Istvan Romhanyi, Charge d'Affaires, Hungary; Mr. Toivo Kala, Charge d'Affaires, Finland; Mr. Jean Moschopoulos, Diplomatic Representative, Greece; Mr. Joseph Panec, Charge d'Affaires, Czechoslovakia; Mr. Harold William Bullock, Charge d'Affaires, Australia; Mr. Virgil Hutanu, Charge d'Affaires, Rumania; and Mme. Vera Asker, Charge d'Affaires, Sweden.

Festivities Opened By Sprinzak

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Beacons outlined Mount Herzl last night, searchlights probed the air and criss-crossed in the sky, commands shrilled and after the Last Post was sounded at 8 p.m., the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, opened Israel's Sixth Independence Day festivities.

Within the hollow roped-off square, lined on either side by a boys' and girls' company of Gadna cadets, the Speaker and guests, including Mrs. Ben Zvi, faced detachments of the Army (reserves), Navy and Air Force. As the Last Post was sounded in memory of those who fell in the War of Independence, the troops snappily presented arms. Mr. Sprinzak then solemnly ushered in the nation's Seventh Year of Independence, lighting a large stationary torch.

One representative of each of 11 Diaspora communities and of Israel, symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel, lit a torch "in honour of Independence Day and for the glory of the State of Israel." Their accents varying, each one proudly proclaimed his name and birthplace.

3,000 Attend

The microphone threw their words, distorted, to the 3,000 who stood illuminated in the glare of flares. Mr. Ovadiah Nissim of Giv'at Ye'arim, originally from Yemen, spontaneously recited the *shehehiyanu* after lighting his torch.

A six gun salute—one for each year—was fired at 30 second intervals. As the Kol Yisrael Orchestra played the National Anthem, a blazing Star of David and a State Flag were outlined in blue flames and fireworks. The entire ceremony took half an hour.

The beacons on Mt. Herzl were reflected by those on Mt. Scopus, uniting in fire and spirit what is separated by land. Beacons at Dir Yassin, Motza and Ma'aleh Hahamisha carried the message across the length and breadth of the land. Israel's seventh year had begun.

The order attending the leaving of the crowd was exceptional. Hamekasher put over 30 buses on a special Mt. Herzl service.

Mr. Shragai Freedman of Hebimah, who was to have declaimed at the close of the observance, was prevented from entering, and the programme concluded without him. Press photographers were also kept out of the square where the ceremony took place.

Dancing, Singing

Jerusalem's inhabitants flocked to the centre of the city which was entirely roped off from traffic. Children danced about, singing "David, King of Israel, lives, lives . . .", crowds milled from Beit Hadegel to the Generali Building on Jaffa Road, along Rehov Ben Yehuda and from Rehov Hanevi'im to the Knesset on King George Avenue.

A brilliant and noisy fireworks display caused worried parents to call the offices of *The Jerusalem Post* to be reasured that it was really only fireworks. Zion Square was lit with intersecting lines of lightbulbs, forming a large Star of David.

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THE NATION CELEBRATES

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Tel Aviv's Independence torch was lighted in the square outside the Municipal Council Hall yesterday evening, alongside the National Flag which was raised from its Remembrance Day half-mast to Independence Day full-mast. With Mayor Haim Levanon's shout, "Long Live the State of Israel," echoed by several thousand voices, the Independence Day celebrations opened.

The Mayor stood on the Council Hall verandah, surrounded by city dignitaries, and below him on the large square, 500 scouts paraded with lighted torches. A smart police platoon presented arms.

Earlier, one of the bereaved parents read the Memorial Prayer and the Mayor solemnly cried out, "Israel will Remember." Deputy Mayor S. Shoshani read the Declaration of Independence, while Navy frigates sailed offshore, gaily lighted.

After the ceremony, the scouts, torches in hand and headed by the police, marched along Allenby Road, which was packed to the full with onlookers, including many youngsters sitting astride their fathers' shoulders and waving the flags they had received at kindergarten.

During the morning, all school children were given parties in their classrooms, and kindergarten children were marched through streets and given flags and sweets.

Naval Display

In the afternoon, thousands of Tel Avivians of all ages streamed towards the seashore to watch the Naval display by torpedo-boats, landing craft and corvettes. The fast torpedo-boats passed a number of times at high speed a few score metres off shore, sending up clouds of spray and forming large waves which sent spectators hurrying to shelter from what they had thought to be good vantage posts on the breakwaters.

In Jaffa, some 10,000 persons gathered before a stage put up by the Soldiers' Welfare Committee near the Post Office. Entertainment here was provided by the Inbal Yemenite Dance Group. Street dancing followed until early in the morning.

The Beersheba celebrations were opened at a ceremony outside the Keren Cinema, where the flags were raised to full mast and the former Military Governor, Mr. Michael Hanegbi, described the liberation of the town.

The centre of Independence Day celebrations in the Sharon Area was Pardess Hanna, which is now celebrating its 25th anniversary. On Tuesday night, a dance contest was held with the participation of 11 troupes from the area. The Alonei Itzhak Youth School won first prize for young dancers, while Hadera won the adult contest.

Independence Day celebrations in Eilat began on Tuesday night with a performance of "The Good Soldier Schweik," by the Ohel Theatre group. The Ohel tour was arranged by "Telem," the "Theatre to the *ma'barot* and New Immigrants" organization. A dance was held at the Soldiers' Club there last night.

In Petah Tikva, pupils from local schools gathered on the Maccabi sports grounds in the morning for a memorial ceremony, which was followed by a sports competition. The games were won by the Hess School.

In the evening, a torch was lit at the Yad Lebanim memorial and a race by Gadna youngsters was held through the streets of the town. The Declaration of Independence was read by the District Representative, Mr. Y. Gubernik. Later, a Gadna parade was held through the town, with the streets lit by a fireworks display. Dancing continued in streets and public squares until late at night.

The Minister of Labour, Mrs.

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THE STATE WAS BORN WITH THEIR BLOOD

Jerusalem Post Staff

El Male Rahamim (prayer for the dead) echoed poignantly over the hills of Jerusalem, hot under a noon sky, as bereaved parents and comrades mourned their dear ones on Mt. Herzl yesterday. A multitude of flowers blazed between the headstones of those who fell in the War of Liberation and since then, to keep Israel independent.

"Let us cherish well the heritage they have bequeathed us," said Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development. "Not with empty threats, nor with brute strength, shall anyone prevail upon us to abandon the rights of a free nation... We shall keep open the gates of Israel for all our brothers, as a safe harbour in their hour of need. For this, our sons and daughters laid down their lives; this we shall defend, believing in the same national aspirations for which our loved ones died."

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph themselves mourn a daughter.

Many mothers clung to the graves and wept, while others stood in silent homage around the military guard of honour. After a brief prayer by the Chief Chaplain, Aluf-Mishne Gideon Goren, the guard fired a volley over the bare and rugged hills.

Earlier yesterday morning, a Scroll of the Law was dedicated to the dead in a ceremony on Mt. Zion attended by parents whose sons and daughters fell for Israel.

At 9.15 a.m., the Scroll "Kommemiyut," was taken from Yeshurun synagogue where Aluf-Mishne Goren spoke of the significance of Remembrance Day.

The Scroll, in a glass encased cover topped with a crown of bronze and adorned with the Ten Commandments, was placed in a military tender which moved slowly along King George Avenue followed by an Army honour guard and by many citizens.

School children lined the streets waving small National Flags.

On Jaffa Road, the procession circled the Memorial Light that burned all day in Magen David Adom Square. The procession then proceeded to Mt. Zion.

In the pine thicket atop Mt. Zion, the President, the Knesset Speaker Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, and the Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, each of whom had lost a member of his family in the War, and a large group of parents awaited the Scroll.

At 10.30, the assemblage rose to the martial call of a bugle as the Scroll, borne under a canopy, passed an honour guard to reach the platform where the President sat.

Rabbi A. Sha'ag told the audience that the Scroll was a "holy heritage in the hands of the Nation and her Army."

Aluf-Mishne Goren spoke and the guests were called up for the writing of the last words completing the Torah.

The first to be called was Mr. Sprinzak.

After donning a prayer shawl, he was presented with the quill which he took and gave to the Scribe.

Dr. Joseph was called up next. He was followed by the poet, Mr. Reuven Avinoam, who also lost a son in the War.

Then came Dr. S.Z. Kahana, Director-General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs which organised the ceremony. Chief Rabbi Herzog was then called.

President Ben-Zvi donned the prayer shawl and approached the Torah to be honoured with the last word — Israel — of the Five Books of Moses.

Moses' last blessing to the Children of Israel before his death, *Ha'azenu*, was then read.

After the Scroll had been raised, Cantor I. Bar-Zakai recited a prayer for the welfare of the State. Parents who had lost two children in the war were presented with Scrolls of the Law and they circled the platform as *Shofrot* were sounded.

In Haifa yesterday morning, a memorial ceremony took place at the Port. Yizkor, in commemoration of the fallen, was read and the workers' choir sang.

At 1 p.m., a memorial service was held in the cemetery.

A monument for the 111 dead of Ramat Gan was unveiled in Avraham Garden in Ramat Gan yesterday. It consists of six slabs of stone, each weighing seven tons. On one of the stones, Sculptor Locsarski of Givat Brenner has carved the image of a wounded lion; the names of the dead cover the other.

The Minister of Defence also spoke at the memorial service held in the military cemetery at Nahalat Yitzhak today. "The sacrifice of the fallen," he said, "has enabled the youth of this country to rejoice today.

"A power has been created which will enable all those to live here who wish to do so, or have to do so. For the moment, it is true, our fight in this country still continues and for generations the youth are bound to be called to perform their duty in defence of the State — and of themselves."

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Social & Personal

The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday received the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Evans, at his office in Jerusalem.

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Mr. David Horowitz, Director-Designate of the State Bank, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences — the Hebrew University, in place of Mr. Pinhas Lavon, who has resigned owing to his heavy duties as Minister of Defence.

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Mr. Dan Pines, editor of "Omer" and member of the "Davar" editorial staff, left yesterday for Paris on his way to Vienna to attend the forthcoming conference of the International Press Institute. He will be joined there by Dr. Azriel Karlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv."

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The Jewish Agency's Comptroller-General, Mr. Shmuel Rapaport, left yesterday by Sabena for a three-month inspection visit of Jewish Agency offices in Brussels, Paris, London and New York.

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Mr. A. L. Pincus, Director of the Israel national airline, returned yesterday by El Al after attending the conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Strasbourg.

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Mr. A. Shostak, M.K., left yesterday by El Al for London on his way to New York on behalf of the National Workers' Union (Herut).

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Personal recollections of famous French painters, writers, and composers in the first decades of the century were the subject of a lecture given by Mme. Claire Thémanlys at the French Consulate General, Jerusalem, on Tuesday evening. After the lecture, the Consul General and Mme. de la Sablière entertained the guests to supper.

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Professor S. Wright, of the Middlesex Hospital, London, returned to Britain by B.O.A.C. yesterday after a short visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Zohn, of Stockholm, were entertained to dinner last night by Dr. Avraham Granott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, and Mrs. Granott.

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Mr. Abraham Hirsch, Secretary General of the World Executive of Agudat Yisrael, has left by air for America and Europe in connection with the Great Assembly of the organization, which is scheduled to be held next month.

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The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, will speak on Israel-American relations at the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday.

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Dr. Dov Joseph, Aluf Moshe Zadok, Aluf Yigal Alon and Mr. U. Shalon will speak at a Vocal Newspaper in the Pe'er cinema, Haifa, at 8.30 tomorrow evening. (Friday). Mr. S. Zarhi will "edit the paper," and Mr. A. Kotsy will present an artistic programme. Mr. Z. Yehieli, of the Zim management, will speak on "From the 'Illegal' Fleet to the Modernization of the Merchant Navy in 1954," at the Maritime and Economics Club, at the Haifa Sailors' Home at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow. Table reservations by phone: No. 2954.

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An exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Art, shortly to be sent to the Milan Triennale, will be held at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem, on May 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on May 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Tourists will be welcome at the Independence Day Ball at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, tonight at 9.

Israelis' Success In Asian Games

MANILA, Wednesday (UP).— Israel sharpshooter Ben Dov today came fourth in the small-bore rifle shooting at the Asian Games. Yesterday, the Israel high jumper Ahuva Krivtzki was awarded a gold medal for coming first in her event with a jump of 1.53.3 metres.

Yesterday's Press:

Far East Problems Eclipse Mid-East's

All newspapers commented editorially or published special features on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

The "Ha'aretz" (Independent) correspondent reports from London that Middle East events are almost overshadowed there at the present time by Anglo-American differences of opinion over the Far East. The Anglo-Egyptian talks have been frozen, though the Foreign Office does not admit it officially. In a second leader, "Ha'aretz" welcomes the defeat of the reactionary, extreme Pan-Islamic and anti-Jewish groupings in the Turkish general elections.

The "Zmanim" (Progressive) correspondent in Washington believes that Mr. Dulles' "failure" at Geneva has given Mr. Byroade a free hand as far as Middle Eastern affairs are concerned. He also reports much behind-the-scene activities following the Dayton speech, including a visit to the White House by Rabbi A. H. Silver, and a promise given by Mr. Byroade to "clarify" several points after his first speech, which, he said, had been misunderstood. The correspondent points out that Mr. Eisenhower was the first President to send official greetings to the "Council for Judaism" conference, a sign of support for anti-Zionist elements.

Asian Leaders' Weakness

"Haboker" (General Zionist) agrees that Israel should make efforts to gain friends and support in the Far East. But the political and moral weakness of the Asian leaders in face of Arab pressure have again be proven at Colombo, and any Israel approachment with the "third force" movement appears out of question.

A correspondent in "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) criticizes Mr. D. Ben Gurion, "Ha'aretz" and the Marginal Columnist of *The Jerusalem Post* for "justifying Byroade." From an evening paper it reprints a polemical speech by Mr. E. Livneh, the report of which Mr. Livneh himself previously denied in "Davar."

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist), in a Maki Politburo statement that "Soviet support for all small nations" should be praised by all of us, also censures the Israel Government for not giving in unilaterally to some of the demands of the Arab League governments as a preliminary step to peace.

Wingate Lecture On Ethics and Religion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In the second and concluding Hebrew University Orde Wingate Memorial Lecture (third Series) on Tuesday night, Paul Weiss, Professor of Philosophy at Yale University, considered the relationship between ethics and religion, which he finds independent disciplines. Professor Weiss said that man, together with the rest of the world, has power enough to do all that ought to be done; but he stated that a God must, however, be presupposed.

The Queen of England is shown at Aden knighting Said Abubaker Ibn Sheikh al Kaf. Al Kaf rests on his knees on a chair while the accolade is bestowed since Moslem holy men kneel only to Allah. The Duke of Edinburgh is standing near the Queen. The royal couple are now in Malta on their return from a world-wide Commonwealth tour. — Express Photo

'Al Misri' Closed By Cairo Regime

CAIRO, Wednesday (UP). — The Egyptian Government today shut down the former Wafdist Party organ "Al Misri" which is owned by the brothers Mahmoud and Hussein Abdul Fath, who were sentenced *in absentia* to long prison terms yesterday. The Societe Orientale de Publicite, which publishes three major foreign language newspapers and in which the Abdul Fath brothers have a controlling interest, was put under Government custodianship.

The sentences were confirmed by the Revolution Council last night.

In Geneva, Mahmoud Abdul Fath categorically denied the charges brought against him. He said that he was paying the price for supporting General Nagib's efforts to restore parliamentary life in Egypt.

New Vessel Brings Eritrean Meat

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The Italian m.v. Albanuova is due here on Sunday with a cargo of 61 tons of frozen meat from Massawa, Eritrea.

The ship's agents, the Poseidon company, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the vessel had been put into the Massawa-Haifa service to carry frozen meat for the Incode company, until the Franca Mari, now undergoing general repairs in Italy, returns to service. Then either both ships would continue the service, or one larger vessel would replace them.

US Retains Citrus Subsidy for Continent

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The news of the American withdrawal of its 40% subsidy on fresh citrus fruit and citrus by-products sold to Great Britain was welcomed prematurely, as it was followed yesterday by the information, unfavourable to Israel, that the subsidy remains in force throughout the rest of Europe.

Moreover, according to information passed on by the Foreign Ministry to the Citrus Concentrates Producers' Association, the U.S. has granted permission to pay for citrus in local European currencies.

This means that Israel exports are up against the sharpest competition, since some countries, despite the subsidy, bought local citrus by-products by barter to save dollars. They can now buy from the U.S. in their own currency.

However, as the largest percentage of citrus and its by-products goes to Britain, the export position of citrus by-products next season is expected to be better than this year.

Mr. I. D. Offen, Director of the Citrus Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr. Emil Visser, member of the Citrus Marketing Board, left today by El Al for Paris, on their way to attend the third International Citrus Conference of the Mediterranean area to be held in Algiers from May 9 to May 15. They will be joined later by Mr. M. Shattner and Mr. Zvi Izakson.

Israel at present holds third place among citrus exporting countries in this region, followed by Spain and Italy.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Abramowitch, 21 King George, 4972, Kerem Avraham, 19 Zefania, 2960.
TEL AVIV: Tabachnik, 17 Allenby, 4553. Greenberg, 46 King George, 63643. Michlin, 112 Allenby, 3253. Nordau, 183 Ben Yehuda, 23573. Ziva, Hatikva Qr., 67403. JAFFA: Levi, 4 Rehov 3, 81404. RAMAT GAN: Orion, 19 Arlosoroff. GIVATAYIM: Noga, opposite Fire Brigade.
HAIFA: Balfour, 1 Massada, 2289. New British, 47 Jaffa, 4725. KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Motzkin, 7202.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. N. Heiselbeck, 12 Avinoam Yellin, 2964. Dr. B. Doll, Rehov Hapoalim, 8426. Dr. Y. Shore, 26 Rehov Rashi.
TEL AVIV: Dr. M. Shaham, 1 Syrkin, 55843. Dr. N.L. Sacher, 165 Dizengoff, 26333. Dr. W. Silberbach, 98 Yehuda Halevi, 26319. JAFFA: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65. Dr. Alcalai, 65 Rehov 4.
HAIFA: Dr. A. Eparon, 67 Herzl, 3577. Dr. M. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, 6822. Dr. H. Sherman, 3 Hanevilim, 2434.

AT THE CINEMA

A PREVIEW of "Danny and Elissa," an English speaking film produced in Israel, was sponsored by the Keren Hayesod at the Or-Gil recently. Produced for the U.J.A. by Baruch Deuner, this is the first time we have witnessed an Israel comedy on the screen, and the experiment was rewarding. A cow named Elissa is condemned to slaughter because she doesn't give milk any more and the house is in mourning for what Granny calls "a member of the family." The butcher has already been summoned so there is very little time to lose for little Danny, who is deeply in love with Elissa and determined to save her by all means.

So off he goes to Jerusalem to the Prime Minister's Office, and he has to fill countless forms and make his way past a plethora of offices and officials. Butting in on an important conference, he obtains an audience with the High Authority, who advises him the National Economic Situation does not warrant letting the cow off, and he is sent home. But then a miracle happens when the little boy plays a sad farewell melody on his pipe.

Danny gives a charming performance and the types are true to life. Reif Kneller's photography is really remarkable, especially the photomontage of the rotating names of the multitude of ministries during Danny's odyssey. Marc Lavry's bucolic score helps a lot.

FRANGO

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: The Blazing Forest.
EDEN: Julius Caesar, 2nd week.
EDISON: The Glenn Miller Story.
ORGIL: Operation Secret.
ORION: Duel in the Sun.
ORNA: Fort Algiers.
STUDIO: Madame De...
ZION: Road to Bali.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:** —
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel Pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
★ **Libraries:** —
Landing Library and Reading Room, Centre de Culture Francaise, 3 Rehov Ben Yehuda. Entrance free. 10-1, 4.30-7.30 p.m. American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Rd. Entrance free. 9-1, 3-6.
★ **Theatre:** —
Habimah, "Night of Storm," Edison Hall, 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Theatre:** —
Pesach'ke Burstin, Lillian Lux, Greatest Actors of the Jewish Stage, Premiere, Ohel Shem Hall, 8.30 p.m.
"Nasr-A-Din," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 3.30 p.m.
"Pantomime," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8.30 p.m.
★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight.
Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibition:** —
Collective Exhibition by Haifa Artists. Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-8 p.m.
★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and Her Husband." 8.30 p.m.
★ **Entertainment:** —
Dancing-Floorshow at Cico Bar.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Entertainment:** —
Hadley's Ice Revue at the Stratton, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

GEDERA

★ **Theatre:** —
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 491 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 32.8, 48.9 & 422 M.

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FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 8.30 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 1 a.m. 3.15 & 6.30 p.m.
7.00 a.m. Service and Melodies. 7.20 Songs (R). 8.45 Marching Songs (R). 9.00 Songs (R). 9.30 Thanksgiving Prayer from Yeshurun Synagogue, Jerusalem. 10.00 The Parade at Ramle. 11.30 Music. 12.15 Children's Hour. 12.30 What We Have Achieved. 1.45 Programme Details. 1.48 Folk Dances. 2.00 Music (R). 2.25 Israel Prize Award. 2.30 Health. Dance and Songs. 3.00 Football Match: Cyprus Team vs. Israel's B Team (relay from Ramat Gan Stadium). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 "The Wall" by Ashman. 8.00 Day of Independence Echoes. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 Talk by Moshe Perlman. 9.00 Gala Concert: Kol Yisrael Orchestra & Kol Zion Vocal Ensemble. Conductor: Mordechai Sandbal. 10.30 Songs of Israel (R). 11.10 Folk Dances. 11.50 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

469, 295, 246 & 48.9 M.:
English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.5, 34.9 & 480 M.): 6.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.5 M.): 11.15 Special Programme for Independence Day.
ARMY PROGRAMME (414, 295, 246 & 239 M.): 9.00 a.m. Opening. 9.10 Marches. 10.00 The Parade at Ramle. 12.00 Songs. 12.30 "What We Have Achieved." 1.30 News. 1.45 Folk Dances. 2.00 Opening Session of Local Council. 7.00 Rosh Ha'ayin. 8.15 Merry Display. 8.45 Light Music (R). 2.15 Israel Prizes. 8.30 Haifa Dances. 8.00 Football Match. 8.45 Zahal Orchestra. 9.15 News. 7.00 Concert. 8.00 Day of Independence Echoes. 8.30 News. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 Songs. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.15 Light Music. 10.30 I.A.F. Band. 11.30 News. 11.10 Folk Dances. 12.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.93, 34.92, 30.52 & 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. Message by Israel Ambassador on Independence Day.
VOICE OF AMERICA English Broadcasts: (14.9, 19.6, 31.4 M.): 1.00-2.30 p.m. Repeated at 8.00-9.30 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.2 M.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAMME

9 a.m. — Synagogue services with participation of Government representatives.
10 a.m. — Popular performances in the cinema houses at reduced prices.
10.30 a.m.—Military Parade at Ramle.
10.30 a.m.—Independence Day Relay Race leaves Kneset Square in Tel Aviv for Jerusalem.
11 a.m. — Receptions by the District Representatives and the Mayors of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Tiberias and Beersheba.
Noon. — Members of Nahal and youth movements present programmes in immigrant settlements and ma'abarot.
3 p.m.—Presentation of Israel Prizes' by the Minister of Education and Culture, Jerusalem.
3.30 p.m. — Relay Runners reach Jerusalem.
5 p.m. — President's reception in Hakirya Garden, Jerusalem.
5.30 p.m. — Independence Cup soccer competition, Jerusalem.
6 p.m. — Reception by the Mayor of Ramle and the Central District Representative in Ramle.
9 p.m. — Naval demonstration in Haifa Bay.
Parties for soldiers.

Defender Of Dien Bien Phu

A new photograph of General Christian de Castries, taken at his headquarters in Dien Bien Phu. Express Photo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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of a million schoolchildren receive a unified, standard Hebrew education administered by the State. The nation's defence and security forces were strengthened with the continued stabilization of both the Regular Army and the Reserves within the Defence Forces of Israel.

The danger of an economic crisis — due primarily to the discrepancy between our productive capacity and our needs — has not yet passed. Our needs over the past five years have expanded rapidly owing to the influx of immigration. But there have been many encouraging signs — exports have increased relative to imports and new markets have been found in many parts of the world. This has been but a beginning and there is hope that in the future greater strides will be made in this direction.

Our most immediate need is to put a stop to the rise in the cost-of-living — with its inherent dangers — and, adapting our consumption to our production, we must increase our productive capacity and at the same time live within our means.

With the revival of our national sovereignty we were confronted with political problems which we have not had to face since the destruction of the Temple and the loss of our independence — the problem of a Jewish majority in relation to minorities within the framework of a democratic state. We have succeeded in resolving many essential questions in the spirit of the Law of Moses and the Prophets: "One law shall there be unto you and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you ..." Our hope is bright that those problems yet unsolved will find their solution, with the passage of time in this democratic spirit.

We have not forgotten, and never shall we forget, the loved ones who fell, the very flower of our youth who gave up their lives in our War of Independence. Nor shall we forget those who have fallen more recently at the hands of the enemy. We may recall King David's consolation: "They compass me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns; but in the name of the Lord I will overcome them."

These sacrifices for our State require us all, young and old alike, to continue the struggle, to persevere, to create and to construct — for without these efforts nothing won on the field of the battle will be secure.

Our major trust remains our present community, and within it, the generation growing up, the youth of Israel. But our affairs concern not only ourselves. The destiny and future of the State are indissolubly bound up with the future of the Jewish people wherever they are. There is a place here for millions more of our people, and millions of our people still need a homeland. There are still many who might come to join the ranks of those who struggle and labour. Though immigration is on the decline, we are confident that it will yet grow and increase, and bring new blood and strength for the building of our country.

On this festive day I send my good wishes and greetings to all citizens of Israel and to the children of Israel in their dispersal wherever they may be. I bid them be strong and of good courage in their sacred task of aiding in the building of Israel and the ingathering of the exiles.

I pray to the Rock of Israel that He may strengthen our hands and yours, and that ours may be the privilege of witnessing with our own eyes the prosperity and peace of our blessed land.

Israeli Solves Fruit Problem in Australia

An Israel horticulturist, Mr. Robert Ticho, who went to Australia under the auspices of the W.H.O. to study advanced methods of fruit tree care, has solved a problem there which threatened to ruin the orchards, the U.P.I. news service reports.

When Mr. Ticho was informed that a certain type of fungus had attacked the roots of apple trees and was killing them, he outlined the steps taken in Israel to control the disease. This consisted of planting only the root stock of "Crab C" apples, which had proved immune to the fungus in Israel, and grafting different varieties of apples on this stock.

Business Diary

THIS WEEK:
The New Port Tariffs

Sharett Becomes Rotary Member

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, has become an honorary member of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, the president of the club announced at yesterday's weekly luncheon meeting at the King David Hotel.

Present at the luncheon were a large number of guests including the Minister of Norway, Mr. Ernst F. Hougen; members of the Norwegian trade delegation who are now negotiating a new trade agreement with Israel and their counterparts in the Israel Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Commerce and Industry.

Independence Day greetings were brought to the members and guests by Mr. Leroy Ioas, Secretary-General of the International Bahai Council in Haifa. The eyes of the Bahai movement in 228 countries of the world are today on Israel—the centre of their faith—and on the occasion of the national holiday its members wish the State peace and prosperity, he said. Mr. Ioas outlined the aims and objects of the movement.

The meeting opened with all present rising for a minute in memory of the fallen of the War of Independence and closed with a toast to the President of the State.

Dr. G. Ilan was in the chair.

Sheep as Gift

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT, Wednesday. — Two hundred and ten high-grade lambs have been presented to the Negev kibbutz, Dorot, by shepherds throughout the country.

The gesture was made to compensate the settlement for the theft by marauders from the Gaza Strip of its 260-head flock, valued at IL.50,000.

A banquet was held at the kibbutz this evening to thank the donors.

THE TEL AVIV Municipality has extended until the end of this month the period of grace during which the 20% fine on last year's taxes will not apply.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 108/54

In the matter of the late Karl Glesinger of Haifa who died on Nov. 15, 1953. Petitioner: Miriam Glesinger of Haifa. Summons — let all persons take notice that Miriam Glesinger has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Karl Glesinger and that the said application will be heard on May 21, 1954 at 10 a.m.
All persons claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise, such order will be given as to the Court seems right.
S. BAZI — Registrar
Date: May 3, 1954

Notice to the Public

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tender No. 21/54 for the sale of plots in Haifa

4 plots in Haifa, as per details hereafter, are put up for sale:

	Block	Parcel	Area
x	10804	100	1.021
	10804	101	1.040
xx	10803	44	2.034
	10803	47	2.020

x corner plot; increase of 5.49%
xx high current line passes over front of the plot.
The building ratio permitted for these plots is of 34.8.
Tenders should be submitted for each plot alone in closed envelopes upon which must be designated the numbers of the block and parcel and dropped in the Tender Box at the offices of the Development Authority, Northern District, Department of Sales and Development, 13 Ha'arsenal Road, Haifa, not later than June 4, 1954.
A guarantee equivalent to 10% of the offer should be remitted with the tender.
The Development Authority is not bound to accept the highest or any offer.
Director, Development Authority

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KEREN KAYEMETH LE'ISRAEL
The dedication
of the Lithuanian Section of the Martyr's Forest
will take place on
Sunday, May 9, at 3 p.m. at Shoova in the Jerusalem Corridor
Residents and visitors from South Africa are cordially invited.
Cars will leave:—
JERUSALEM, 2 p.m. from K.K.L. Head Office.
TEL AVIV, 1.15 p.m. from K.K.L. Building, 11 Reh. Shapira.
HAIFA, 11.15 a.m. from Bet Hakranot, Rehov Herzl.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE about DRY CLEANING
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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	57	8	22	24
Tiberias	46	15	—	30
Haifa Port	56	17	22	25
Natanya	65	13	22	25
Tel Aviv Port	66	16	—	23
Lydda Airport	58	12	24	27
Jerusalem	51	8	23	25
Beersheba	—	12	22	30
Eilat	9	18	30	35

FORECAST: Rise in temperature but cooler air will penetrate the country during the evening hours.

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp expected today

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THE FORTNIGHTLY CONVOY went up to Mount Scopus yesterday accompanied by 15 scientists and workers of the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Medical Organization.

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ON THE OCCASION of Independence Day, 15 charges of violations against the workshops and licenses ordinance were withdrawn yesterday at the request of the representative of the local council of Azor, which had brought the charges.

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A RESOLUTION demanding the raising of popular cinema ticket prices in the country, particularly in the *ma'barot* and the settlements, without a proportionate increase in entertainment taxes, was passed at an extraordinary session of the Cinema Owners' Association of Israel held in Tel Aviv on Tuesday.

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TWO THOUSAND dollars hidden beneath a shirt were confiscated yesterday by the Economic police during a search at the home of Itzhak Kanir, of Rehov Bar Kochba, Tel Aviv. Kanir and three other persons suspected of holding illegal currency were detained.

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A TOUR of old Jaffa and the excavations site of the old cemetery of the Jews of Jaffa will be held on Saturday under the auspices of the Department of Culture of the Tel Aviv Municipality. Participants should meet at the Square of the Clock in Jaffa at 9 a.m.

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THE CHIEF RABBINATE announces that the current ration of cocoa contains milk powder and should therefore not be used with meat meals. In food packages from France, canned meat has been found with forged labels reading, "Hasida Libavitch Shlita Dubravski."

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THE ISRAEL PAVILION at Binyaney Ha'ooma is to be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Week's Currency

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Although the amount of currency in circulation rose by only IL.5,400 last week to IL.149,633,400 at the close of banking business today, there were considerable changes in the backing.

Foreign currency holdings rose by IL.2,705,400 to IL.27,941,400 while Treasury bills dropped by IL.2,7m. to IL.44,610,000. Land bonds remained steady at IL.77,282,000.

Court Grants Order To Injured Soldier

The High Court yesterday issued an order *nisi* against the Appeals Committee on Soldiers' Pensions in the Defence Ministry to show cause why Raoul Frankel, of Acre, should not receive a disability pension.

Frankel, who enlisted in the regular army in 1950 for three years, claimed an award on the grounds that a leg injury had been aggravated because of his Army service.

The Court issued the order because Frankel had not been given an opportunity to see his Army physical examination form, which he wished to use as evidence in support of his claim. *(Itim)*

Man Held in Attempt To Smuggle Francs

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday. —The largest-known smuggling attempt through this airport was foiled here last night when police discovered on the person of a 42-year old Belgian tourist $20,000 and 20,000 Belgian francs in large notes.

The man was interrogated at police national H.Q. in Tel Aviv today and will be brought before a Magistrate on Friday.

The police were informed in advance of his arrival. When he declared that he had only $20,000 in bank notes he was asked to enter an adjoining room to be searched. When the cash was found on him he burst into tears. He spent the night in the airport hotel under guard, and in the morning was taken to police H.Q.

The largest previous smuggling attempt discovered in the airport was $16,000, found in a talcum powder box about four months ago. *(Itim)*

SOUTH RHODESIA BEATS ISRAEL 2:1

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Touring Israel soccer team was beaten by Southern Rhodesia by 2:1 here today.

All three goals were scored in the second half.

RATION NEWS

HAIFA & NORTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs, 8. Tot 13, (empt. 9; expectant mothers, 14 eggs, Heb 31, Ar. 27, 28. Invalids: Het Aleph 2, 4 eggs; Het Bet 5, 8 eggs; Het Gimel 17, 8 eggs. Eggs instead of meat, 5. Het 19, 3 eggs. Het 20. Poultry, 200 gr., Heb 26; temp. 44. Elderly persons: 500 gr., Arab Heb 2. Expectant mothers, 700 gr., Heb 5. Invalids: 500 gr., Heb Aleph 5, Het Bet 5, Carp, 150 gr., Tot 1; temp. 48.

Disabled Veterans Get Award

Jerusalem Post Staff

The first medals for ex-servicemen disabled in the War of Liberation were awarded at ceremonies yesterday in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, in the presence of Cabinet Ministers and high-ranking Army officers.

A sword entwined with olive-leaves and the small red flower, "Blood of the Maccabees," compose the badge, symbolising both courage in war and love of peace.

The badge will be awarded to all servicemen whose invalidity is over 35%, and in certain cases where invalidity is 20%, according to the decision of a Defence Ministry Committee.

Prime Minister Moshe Sharett pinned the medal on the lapel of a grey-haired Haganah veteran to conclude the beautiful and moving ceremony in Jerusalem's Rose Garden. Facing the rostrum sat young men in wheelchairs, and others who had lost limbs or sight in their country's service. The Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, gave them the emblems after lauding their sacrifice. The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. I. Kariv, Mr. E. Livneh, M.K.; Aluf Y. Avidar, Head of the Army's "G" Branch, and other senior officers presented badges to over 200 invalids.

The Finance Minister, Mr. L. Eshkol, expressed the nation's gratitude to 370 disabled ex-servicemen in Mothers' Garden on Mount Carmel, Haifa, at the same time as the Jerusalem ceremony. The 11 blind and seriously handicapped veterans received their awards from the Minister, while the rest were pinned on by Mayor Abba Khoushy; Aluf M. Limon, the Naval Commander; Aluf M. Sadok, Northern Area Commander; and Mrs. Jenny Tversky, M.K. The ceremony began with *Yiskor*.

In Tel Aviv, the War Invalids Badge was pinned on the breasts of 950 invalids assembled in the garden of the Ministry of Defence. Mr. P. Lavon, the Minister of Defence, opened the ceremony, saying how much the country is indebted to those who had paid with their own blood for its independence.

At least, he added, "You have the satisfaction of knowing that your sacrifice was not in vain; that was never the case with Jews who fought for other people."

Mr. David Ben Gurion pinned the badge on some of the invalids, and he was followed by Cabinet Ministers Bernstein, Rosen, Shitreet and Naphtali and the members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

Military Zones Barred To M.K.'s Also

The High Court yesterday rejected a request by Mr. Tewfik Toubi, Communist M.K., for an *order nisi* against the Ministers of Police and Defence to show cause why he should not be permitted to enter closed military areas.

The Court ruled that "paragraph nine of the immunity Law for members of the Knesset fixes clearly — that regarding places upon which limitations are placed because of military security or secrecy, immunity has not been given to members of the Knesset and in this respect there is no difference between a member of the Knesset and an ordinary citizen of the State."

Mr. Toubi claimed that forbidding him entrance to such areas interfered with the performance of his public duties. *(Itim)*

Bombay Immigrants Want to Go Home

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Six immigrants from Bombay who have been at Beit Hashita kibbutz for eight months suddenly returned to the Sha'ar Ha'aliya immigrant reception centre here this morning and demanded entry. They also asked to be sent back to Bombay.

They were not allowed in until their cases were considered, but by this evening, all were back in the camp.

Yesterday, a group of 12 persons returned from the Tel Yosef kibbutz and also asked to be sent back to Bombay.

It appears that the newcomers cannot get used to the idea of working without wages, but on the other hand, they are unwilling to make an independent start. The Tel Yosef group had been given especially good conditions, usually reserved for veteran members.

There are now 14 families from Bombay in Sha'ar Aliya camp who have returned from kibbutzim and have asked to be repatriated. It appears that two or three troublemakers are mainly to blame.

The newcomers have already sent a number of letters and telegrams asking for help to return to Bombay.

Routine Procedure

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The American tourist, Mr. Harry Rogal, who was refused entrance to Israel upon his arrival at Lydda Airport yesterday, failed to carry an Israel visa and, in accordance with international procedure, he was asked to return to his country, the police spokesman, Mr. A. Yanai, announced here today.

Mr. Rogal's statement that he was unaware that a visitor to Israel required an Israel visa failed to impress the customs officials. The expulsion was not the first of its kind and was routine procedure, the police stated.

JORDAN ALLEGES

AMMAN, Wednesday (Reuter). — Jordan complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission today that two Israel planes had flown over Budrus village in the Triangle.

Jordan also complained that Israel had stationed an armoured car on the demarcation line near Zububa village, in the Jenin area, in defiance of the Armistice Agreement.

GOOD ADVICE

If your are going to the parade in Ramle, you are advised:

1) To wear a hat or some other protection against the sun.
2) To take along a water canteen.
3) Not to climb onto roof-tops.

Ramle Ready For Parade

RAMLE, Wednesday.—A barbed wire fence has been set up along the seven-kilometre passage of the Army parade tomorrow. Besides the main stand, for 2,500 persons, just behind the railway station, benches have been provided for senior Army officers and, at another point, rows of benches have been reserved for tourists. It is understood that the number of seats available for tourists is below the demand. The stands are not covered in, and look rather cramped.

Ramle was excited at the prospect of the parade. Three hundred workers have been employed in preparing the standing grounds and parking grounds along the parade route. Many Ramle residents have received paying guests for tonight and tomorrow, for persons outside Ramle will not be permitted to crowd into the streets. "Good" places are reportedly being sold at between IL.5 and IL.10.

This morning at 4 o'clock the Army closed off Ramle to hold a dress rehearsal of the parade. Normal traffic through the town was resumed three hours later. During the day, however, many separate contingents passed along part of the route several times in parade order. So far, the camels have proven to be the greatest attraction of the parade. Field camps have been set up near Ramle for the soldiers who have come from a distance.

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Golda Myerson, spoke at the military memorial service in the Rehovot cemetery.

In the evening a youth torch-light procession formed up. While one group went to the tomb of President Weizmann, another group wound its way through the gaily decorated streets passing under the green "Independence Archway" put up in the middle of town.

In Be'er Tuvia, work began on a stone monument to the fallen, to be carved by the sculptor, Mr. A. Rapaport, and depicting a young man taking leave of his mother before going off to war.

In Haifa, schoolchildren and the "Independence generation" from the town's kindergartens began celebrating Independence Day early yesterday morning with parties in school yards and public squares.

At 11 a.m., a ceremony to mark the conquest of the sea and the building of the Port by Hebrew labour was held in the harbour. Mayor Khoushy recalled the first Jewish workers in the port, a group of kibbutz members who had unloaded a cargo of coal in 1921.

Mr. H. Razili, Director General of the Communications Ministry, Aluf M. Limon, C-in-C of the Navy, Mr A. Landman, Port Director and Mr. Y. Almogi, Labour Council secretary also spoke.

Sirens Sounded

At 7.20 p.m. sirens sounded and hundreds of Gadna youth, drawn up on Town Hall square, lifted torches and Mayor Khoushy officially opened the Independence Day celebrations.

Thousands of coloured lights were lit over a large, beflagged area, stretching from the Town Hall to Soiel Boneh Square.

The main attraction of the ceremony was a children's band, led by a four-year-old drum-majorette, "Shula," who delighted the crowd with her baton waving.

Later, a Gadna torch procession was held, rockets were fired into the air, and dozens of loudspeakers throughout the town relayed music for folk dancing.

Independence Day celebrations for Israel's Arab citizens began yesterday evening when the Military Governor of the "Little Triangle" gave a cocktail party at an Army camp. The guests included Arab members of the Knesset, members of local councils and other notables.

In Nazareth today, the Military Governor of Galilee will hold a reception for the heads of the various communities and prominent townsfolk. Athletic events and rallies by schoolchildren will mark the day in the country's largest Arab urban centre.

Arab Knesset members, Beduin sheikhs, and Druze, Moslem, and Christian leaders have been invited to President Ben-Zvi's garden party this afternoon. Another group of sheikhs have been invited to the Ramle parade.

Beduin will be allowed to travel all over the country today without a special permit. A free performance of "The Son of Ali Baba" will be given for Beduin at the Keren Cinema in Beersheba.

Gad Stiasny Wins Bukstein Award

Mr. Gad Stiasny was presented with the Daniel Bukstein Memorial Prize for science students at a ceremony at the Hebrew University on Tuesday.

The Memorial Prize was established at the Hebrew University by the Bukstein family to commemorate the late Daniel Bukstein. Present at the ceremony were Professor Joseph Klausner, a friend of the family, and Mr. Kadmon, Daniel's former Haganah commander. Professor M. Bobtskky presented the award.

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Prime Minister's Broadcast

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would no longer be abandoned to slaughter for lack of a country prepared to give them refuge. And indeed, we swore on that day to keep the gates of the State ever open to receive any Jew who was persecuted and sought shelter, any Jew who rejected life in exile and aspired to freedom in his own land, any Jew who preferred to rely on the strength of his own people rather than remain dependent on the mercies of strangers. For us, the keys to the gate of Israel, redeemed by our sons and stained with their blood, are a sacred trust. Once more on this day we participate in the sorrow of the parents and relatives of the fallen, even as they share with us the pride which we all feel in their heroism.

But victory did not put an end to the struggle; it had only begun. The lust for vengeance of a defeated enemy forces us to redouble our vigilance. The very opportunities presented by victory are a challenge to our creative capacity.

The establishment of the State and the victories of the Israel Defence Forces have opened out to us brilliant possibilities for growth and consolidation. Now that we have achieved sovereignty we have the power to shape our future with our own hands.

Will we find the strength and the ability to be fit for the responsibility of life as a State? We have become masters of this land, and we can shape it as we see fit. If the open spaces of our land, said the Prime Minister, remain empty and deserted, they will become the source of weakness and danger. But if we can use them, we shall draw from them strength, security and life. And indeed we have done much; but how great yet is the work which lies before us and how great are the armies of pioneers and sums of capital we yet require.

Messianic Enthusiasm

The good tidings of independence and victory aroused Messianic enthusiasm among the Jewish communities all over the world. Waves of mass immigration surged forth from lands where our brethren lived lives of poverty and shame, discrimination and danger. In the countries where Jews enjoyed civic freedom and considerable financial means, there was a wave of voluntary contributions to gather in the Exiles, such as we had never dreamed of in previous years. Thanks to the efforts of the State itself, to the assistance of our brother Jews all over the world, to the private Jewish capital which has been invested in Israel, as well as to the assistance we have received from the Government of the United States, we have achieved an enormous degree of development, which daily arouses the respect of every foreign visitor and observer, and which the inhabitants of Israel themselves do not always understand or appreciate.

The Defence Forces of Israel have been established and consolidated as a bastion of security and a source of pride for the nation; settlement on a large scale has been carried out energetically; agricultural production has grown in extent and variety with amazing speed; hundreds of industrial undertakings, some of them unique in type and size in the whole of the Middle East have been founded; masses of immigrants have been provided with work, thousands of houses have been built for them, roads have been laid throughout the length and breadth of the land; transport has been expanded and improved and educational, health, and social welfare services have been extended.

Despite the enormous and speedy growth of the population, Mr. Sharett noted, no one has been left hungry, no family has remained without a roof. He called attention, however, to the great tasks in the economic and social fields which still had to be fulfilled.

Enemy Seeks Revenge

Our victory put an end to the war, continued the Prime Minister, but it has not brought us peace. Our neighbours on every side continue to plot revenge. There is no end to the harvest of blood in the ranks of our defence forces and in our border settlements. The leaders of the Arab states do not conceal their design to bring about our undoing.

We have succeeded in our six years of statehood, in establishing close relations with dozens of countries all over the world, but our immediate neighbours still refuse to accept the State of Israel as an accomplished fact. In the meantime, in the disturbed world of today, great powers compete with each other to win the friendship of the Arab peoples by injuring Israel. They thereby strengthen the enmity to Israel and damage the prospects of peace.

The realities which we have created and consolidated, and which we regard as the immutable basis of our life as a State and our international status are attacked from time to time from unexpected quarters in the international arena. We must stand ready to repel any attack, no matter from what quarter it may come.

We are faced with two great tasks: first, to defend the State against all dangers which threaten it from the outside; secondly, to unite and consolidate it internally.

We shall do this in three ways: by the effective and wise use of our international status and contacts; by the strengthening of the bond of brotherhood between ourselves and the Jewish people wherever they live; and—most important of all—by reliance on our own strength and by carrying out the duties which are imposed upon us.

SIX YEARS OF GROWTH

Six years of independence have seen the following growth in the State:

Population: from 650,000 to 1,480,000 persons.

Immigration: 724,000 persons.

New settlements: 326 villages, 200 founded by newcomers.

Housing: 90,000 units of newcomers.

Electricity: from 84 million kwa. to 207 million kwa.

The status we have acquired as an independent nation, equal in rights among the family of nations, is a source of great strength, but it also imposes upon us certain limitations. In the face of pressure which is being applied to us from various quarters we shall be unable to preserve our position unless we are a factor of strength, and unless we convince others of our capacity and preparedness to use our strength on the day of trial. We shall always preserve the moral heritage of our people and appreciate at their true value the moral influences which shape public opinion, which in many important countries is the decisive factor in the long run. At the same time, let it be clear to all, that like any other nation we see n. meaning or validity to moral values except on the basis of a healthy, secure national life, and in any struggle for the integrity of the State, the security of life and liberty, we shall reveal these qualities of a stiff-necked people which are also a part of our historic heritage.

The bond with the Jewish people wherever they may live is the solid foundation of our life, just as the spiritual attachment to the State of Israel is the central fact in the life of the Jewish people. The constant strengthening of this bond is a principal aim of our foreign policy. The organic association between the Jewish people and the State of Israel is as strong as the association between the living body and the heart which beats within it.

Message to Brothers

On this festive day we know that the masses of our Jewish brothers in all parts of the globe are celebrating with us, whether openly or in secret, and their hearts beat in time with ours. To all those of them who desire a full Jewish life and who have the power to do as they desire, we call: Arise and come to us! Come and build with us! You will not have an easy life, but you will have one full of meaning and purpose,you will share in creative activities and in faith for the future.

We will call for reinforcements, but we will not wait for them. We will do our duty with our own resources. We have the great privilege of being the first generation of redemption, and we have the inescapable duty of preserving this precious possession from damage by attack from without or by weakness or unwise counsel from within. We must not exaggerate our strength, or give way to vain boasting, but we shall transgress even more grievously if we belittle our capacity, if we show helplessness and place all our hopes in help from without.

Let us not consider the fulfilment of our civic and pioneering duty as a sacrifice we are asked to make for the sake of others. We owe this to ourselves and to our children. We must be ever aware of the need of the economic stabilisation and social consolidation of the State. Let us understand that none of us has any future without the State, but also that the State can have no future unless each one of us does his duty. No matter how difficult the duties of the individual in his daily life, the danger of the collapse of the State is inconceivably more grave both for the community and for each individual himself.

The two major obstacles which we face are the difficulty of balancing the national budget and the dependence of our national economy on foreign aid. The principal cause of the first difficulty is that not all of us are paying all the taxes which we owe. The reason for the second difficulty is that we produce much less than we consume.

Foreign aid is justified in itself if it is devoted to one of three purposes: to discover and develop new sources of livelihood for the whole country; to assist new immigrants to find their niche in life, to receive training and establish themselves; to support cultural enterprises of importance to the entire Jewish people. On the other hand, there is no justification for foreign aid devoted to assisting the settled population to enjoy a standard of life which is not warranted by its income, or to free it from the need of paying for part of the expenses involved in this standard of life. Such a situation cannot continue long. The moral problem must trouble those who are in a comfortable situation without distinction of class. The practical problem must occupy the Government and the Knesset. This is no question of reducing the standard of living for the sake of reducing it. The question is whether we may continue to preserve a high standard of living at the expense of others.

We must loyally and willingly carry out the primary duty of citizens by paying our taxes. Any effort by the Government to improve the collection of taxes should meet with good will and cooperation on the part of the public. Anyone who does not do his duty to the Treasury not only robs the community, but harms the future of his own children. Any pursuit of luxuries defers economic independence, turns back the wheel of economic progress and endangers the State and the future of us all.

Equality of duties is a consequence of equality of rights. In our State, which has a large Jewish majority and a non-Jewish minority, this problem must occupy both the Government and the public. The Government will continue to make efforts to achieve complete equality of rights for its Arab and Druze citizens and to solve their special problems subject to overriding security considerations.

Education for Youth

In the Jewish community there must be a vigorous effort to merge the various elements, to obliterate differences of origin, to raise the cultural level and to develop the sense of responsible citizenship. The Government hopes to make a more active contribution to this effort, which requires the willing cooperation of the public. We must pay special attention to a pioneering education for youth.

Our people is variegated and divided by many differences. Large sections are immersed in a difficult struggle for a livelihood. The public has no tradition of civic life, and not every one understands the difference between freedom and license, or between constructive criticisms and destructive incitement. It is no wonder that there are faults in our national and social life. But let us not submit to despair and bitterness. The enterprise which we are building is much greater than any one of us or than all of us put together.

I should like in the name of all of you to pay tribute to the man to whome vision and courage more than of anyone else we owe the fact that we are a free people today, the man who spoke for the Government of Israel on Independence Day last year and in the years before. We all send our greetings to Mr. and Mrs. David Ben Gurion in Sde Boker in the Negev.

In the name of the Government of Israel, I greet you all, citizens of Israel, without distinction of race or religion, in the towns and the villages and the *ma'barot*, in Army camps, and on guard on the borders, from Dan to Eilat, in Israel's missions in foreign capitals and errands abroad, in ships on the seas and in aircraft on the skies — I greet you and wish you all a happy holiday.

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Vietminh 400 Yards From Castries' Post

HANOI, Wednesday. — Vietminh forces, keeping up their continuous attack on the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu, were today only 400 yards from General de Castries' Command Post.

Incessant rains have turned the whole area into a sea of mud, as the defenders braced themselves for what might be the final assault of the rebels. The besiegers used the bad weather as a cover to burrow trenches through the muddy soil towards the French defence perimeter.

For the third successive day, low clouds hampered French air attacks and prevented planes from dropping food and equipment to the defenders.

French sources maintain that unless the Vietminh siege commander, General Giap attacks quickly, he will be unable to supply his army around Dien Bien Phu. The rebel supply route runs over mountain roads which will undoubtedly be closed by the monsoon rains.

The U.S. Airforce announced today that the second phase of the airlift of French troops to Indo-China had begun. The Globemaster will touch down for refuelling in Ceylon. The number of troops and planes participating in the airlift is being kept secret.

UK Board of Trade Visitors at Hartuv

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A reception for Mr. George Fitch and Mr. Derek Hill, of the British Board of Trade, was held this evening by Mr. Dudley Williams, of the British Embassy. The visitors have come to Israel for a brief visit after a tour of Turkey.

They were shown around the Shimshon Cement Works at Hartuv yesterday, and expressed satisfaction at the works, in which a large amount of British capital is invested.

The Hartuv works started general production some weeks ago, and the first cement is due to be produced there within the next few weeks, by the "dry" production procers.

Dutch Student Given Israel Scholarship

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM (By Airmail). — The one year, IL.1,000 scholarship which the Israel Government had made available for Holland has been awarded by the Dutch Ministry of Education to a Protestant student of Theology and Semitic Languages at the University of Groninguen, Mr. J. Buitkamp, who recently took his B.A. in Semitics. He will study at the Hebrew University during the year 1954-55, after learning modern Hebrew at an Ulpan.

The Dutch Government has not yet made available a scholarship for an Israel student. This year, one Israel student is studying here on a rotating UNESCO scholarship.

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Cables in Brief

TERRORIST. — A Moroccan terrorist, Sidi Mohammed Ben Merki, was sentenced to death on Tuesday night by a Casablanca military tribunal for perilously wounding a security guard last October.

TEACHER. — The well-known progressive Dutch educator, Kees Boeke, whose school was attended for some years by the royal princesses, has gone to Syria under the auspices of UNESCO. He is to advise on the education of Palestine Arab refugee children there.

DISASTER. — More than 40 miners are feared dead in one of Italy's worst colliery disasters at Grosseto on Wednesday. Seventeen bodies have been recovered so far

REVOLT. — A cavalry division is reported to have revolted against the Paraguayan Government. Other troops and police have remained loyal to the administration.

EPU. — Finance Ministers of 18 European countries met in Paris yesterday to seek a new payments formula for the European Payments Union, the continent's financial clearing house, in view of the wide gap between countries heavily in debt and those with big credit balances

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THAT unforgettable 15th of May 1948 which followed the Declaration of Independence of the night before, set the pattern for all future celebrations. For a few hours, public rejoicing was allowed to dim the thought of the dangers threatening the new-born State from without and within. The more acute manifestations of these dangers have been overcome, but it would be folly to ignore the fact that this country is surrounded by neighbours who make no secret of their hope to set the house of Israel afire once again. To protect it against this threat is the first duty of the State, and the display of its armed forces on Independence Day is therefore not only an always impressive part of the celebration, but may also serve as a warning to those beyond the border. However, today's demonstration should not be misinterpreted as evidence of a bellicose spirit; on the contrary, all that the people of this country desire and need is peaceful development, and on this day the hope will be in many hearts that, as a poet says on another page in this paper today, Ishmael and Jacob may "break the bread of peace."

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Great and regrettable as the burden is which military preparedness imposes on the country, it is only one of the aspects of its difficulties in the economic sphere. If six years are in many cases considered necessary for the consolidation of a newly-formed business concern, they are surely an almost insignificant span of time in the history of a young State. But recent events have made it abundantly clear that the time factor plays a decisive part in the struggle on the economic front. After an inevitable period of improvisation, which was succeeded by another period of well-nigh runaway inflation, there appeared a few brighter lines in the spectrum of the national economy: expansion of agricultural and industrial production, and an improvement in the foreign trade balance. But here again it would be folly to assume that victory is already in sight. Far from it. Economic independence has become the watchword, and rightly so; even though very few, if any, countries of the world can boast of having achieved that goal in an age of increasing interdependence. Here, as elsewhere, it is the degree of dependence, not only on foreign aid, but also on economic relations with the outside world, which is of decisive importance. To reduce this ratio persistently by steadily increasing the country's own productive potential, must be the loadstar of all our economic planning.

Yet, it is not only political, military, and economic reflections which Independence Day provokes. In the light of Israel's whole history, the return to her land would be devoid of meaning if it were not accompanied and indeed guided by the resolve to rehabilitate the nation morally as well. Education, work, and a roof for all; integration without mechanical uniformity; full equality of all citizens; equitable distribution of the burden of taxation — these are some of the signposts on the road to true democracy. For the State is not, as has been said, a Superman, but the personification of the community. To make this community conscious of its duties as well as of its rights, must be uppermost in our minds if we are worthy to celebrate today.

Israel Prizes To Be Awarded Today

The second annual Israel Prizes, awarded by the Minister of Education to distinguished writers, artists and scientists resident in Israel, will be distributed today at the Teachers' College in Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem, in the presence of members of the Cabinet and other distinguished guests.

The prizes, of IL.1,000 each, are awarded in the fields of Jewish Studies, the Humanities, Social Studies, Educational Research, Literature, Art (musical composition, painting and sculpture), the Exact Sciences, Natural Sciences, Medical Science, Technology and Agriculture.

BATTLES OF RAMLE

By SHAYA SHAPIRO

RAMLE, where today's Independence Parade is taking place, got its name (according to all the guide books) from Caliph Suleiman, who built it in 715, because of the sand dunes which stretch to the west. *Ramal* is sand in Arabic. An ancient text relates a more romantic story: the son of the caliph once visited Lydda, where a large house surrounded by a most beautiful orchard impressed him, but the keeper of the place was not willing to sell the property, which belonged to a church. The irate heir presumptive would have executed the man on the spot and seized the coveted property, were it not for a tutor who advised him first to take a ride in the vicinity. They had ridden a few miles and had become very thirsty, when they spotted a camel-hair tent on a low hill. There they were given the most delicious drinks and food by a woman called Ramle, and it was in her honour that the prince ordered a town to be built on the spot, so that Lydda would perish from its competition. A story true indeed to human nature.

Ramle was the only town which the Arab conquerors built in the Near East, except perhaps for Fustat, the Old Cairo. The reason was that the Christian inhabitants of Egypt and Syria were as glad to receive the Arab conquerors as they were happy to get rid of the corrupt and exacting Byzantines, who, moreover, tried to impose on them a different kind of Christianity. The Arabs, therefore, had no need to establish new cities, as they did among more hostile populations in North Africa and Spain.

Byzantines Beaten

It was south-east of the site of Ramle that the first encounter took place, in 634, between the Arabs and Byzantine Army. The Byzantines were beaten and took refuge in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, another Arab army advanced through Transjordan and, crossing the river in Beisan, drove the Byzantines to Damascus, which capitulated in the summer of 635. When the traditional feud had opposed Damascus and Cairo, Tawahin near Ramle became the scene of battle between the Arabs themselves, 250 years later.

During the Crusades, Ramle was the site of two decisive battles. In September of 1101, the Egyptians moved up to its outskirts an army estimated at 11,000 horsemen and 21,000 infantry. Baldwin, the Frankish prince, who made his headquarters in Jaffa, had 260 horsemen and 900 infantry. He set out first, not waiting for the enemy attack. Three of the five corps of his right wing had been annihilated by the Egyptians, when Baldwin himself, after confessing his sins before the "True Cross," plunged into the battle. The Egyptians, surprised, gave way and were pursued all the way to Ashkelon.

Next year, the Egyptian Vizier's own son assembled an army in Ashkelon. On May 17, King Baldwin, who had relied on scanty and misleading reconnaissance, set out from Jerusalem at the head of 500 horsemen. They realized their mistake when they came into the plain, but the Egyptian cavalry was already closing in. Many Franks were killed: a few managed to cut through to Jaffa, while King Baldwin and some other knights shut themselves in Ramle fort, which they knew constituted inadequate protection.

Baldwin's Escape

In the night, King Baldwin escaped, warned by the husband of a lady to whom the king "had shown courtesy" in Transjordan (to quote Steven Runciman). The next morning, Ramle was in Egyptian hands, and an Egyptian soldier brandished before the ramparts of Jaffa the cut head of a Frank who resembled Baldwin. The king, however, after rambling about for two days on his horse Gazelle, reached Arsuf, and thence sailed to Jaffa. Unexpectedly a fleet of 200 ships, mostly English, put in just then with pilgrims from England, France and Germany. Baldwin organized them into an army which drove the Egyptians back to Ashkelon ten days after the Battle of Ramle.

A third Battle of Ramle took place during the final Arab attempt to reconquer Palestine in 1105. Five thousand Egyptian horsemen assembled in Ashkelon in August, and requested the aid of the Turkish ruler of Damascus, 1,300 of whose mounted archers were sent through Transjordan and the Negev to join the Egyptians. When the Egyptian fleet came in sight of Jaffa, Baldwin moved into the battleground of Ramle, where he summoned all the available Frankish forces. The Crusaders' road to Jerusalem went through Ramle, and they had built one of their large castles near it.

At dawn on August 27, the Patriarch of Jerusalem rode up and down the Frankish lines, the Cross in his hand, giving blessing and absolution. Baldwin then attacked. The Turks nearly broke the Franks, and the Egyptians fought more bravely than usual, but miscalculated once: their left wing went out to surprise the Franks, failed to do so, and returned too late to be of any help in the main battle. In the evening, they were completely beaten. The Frankish losses were so heavy that they could not pursue the fleeing enemy.

British Bayonets

The Ramle-Jerusalem line was the one where the Turkish Army hoped to make a stand before the British coming up from Gaza. Ramle was occupied in a thrust from the west after the Turkish resistance at Mughar and Katra (Gedera) was overcome and Sarafand taken in a bayonet counter-charge which General Wavell described as "brilliant."

It was again after the fall of Sarafand that Ramle capitulated to the Israel Defence Army, but not before Lydda to its north was captured by the "armoured column" led by Moshe Dayan. After passing through Lydda, the column sped towards Ramle, but suffered casualties from the British Police who still occupied the police station — now the Central Prison. The next morning, however, all the occupants of the police station were gone, and Ramle notables received the Israel Army. It was July 12, 1948.

BIBLICAL GATH

Jewish tradition identifies Ramle with Biblical Gath (not the famous Gath near Ashkelon) and Gittaim of the Church Fathers, probably buried in the tell of Ras abu Hamid on its eastern outskirts.

Ramle was an important medieval Jewish centre. Benjamin of Tudela, who visited the town in the 12th century, reports 60 families and "a large cemetery." An Arab geographer says of the Jews of Ramle that they spoke many languages and were international merchants.

A.B.

The military cemetery at Mt. Herzl — Photo by Hirshbain

Readers' Letters

MARIE OF GREECE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The picture of Marie, Princess of Greece (co-editor of the Freud letters) in your issue of April 14, reminded me of a memorable meeting in London during World War II. At a time when the extermination of European Jewry was hardly accepted as a revolting fact by the British press and the public, Miss Anna Freud suggested that I call on Marie Bonaparte, her friend and colleague, in order to tell her about Youth Aliya rescue work in Europe and rehabilitation in Palestine.

After listening to the odyssey of children snatched from Hitler's grasp and brought to Palestine, the Princess gave me a cheque of £2,000 for Youth Aliyah.

Still during the war, Princess Marie visited Palestine and was welcomed at Haifa Port by Henrietta Szold. Miss Szold was anxious to show her guest the results of Youth Aliya education, but the Mandatory Government, in view of the security situation, insisted on her travelling in guarded convoys only, a procedure which upset Miss Szold's plan of informal meetings with children and settlers.

It should be gratifying to the men of our Navy, who served the Greek people in their hour of need, to know that the Jewish people were equally encouraged and supported in their darkest hour by a member of the Greek Royal family.

Yours, tc.,
EVA MICHAELIS

Jerusalem, April 20.

DAVID COURTNEY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—David Courtney's half-column in today's paper is one of the most brilliant pieces of writing that you have ever printed. It made me beam with pleasure for the better part of the morning, and I feel an obligation to express my thanks to Mr. Courtney. If the purpose of a columnist is to provide food for thought and to brighten up a newspaper, he is fulfilling that mission in splendid fashion. We may disagree with his ideas even at times oppose them, but his column is always well informed, intelligently presented and cloaked in his own brand of charming humour.

Yours etc.
H. KAUFMAN

Tel Aviv, April 30.

COMPULSORY LOAN

Sir, — In June, 1952, millions of Israel pounds were collected by the Bank Leumi against simple receipts. Since then nothing has been heard on the subject. It would be of general interest to hear officially how this "loan" will be handled by the Government.

Yours etc.,
G. M

Haifa, April 10.

Ministry Replies

In accordance with the Exchange of Bank Notes and Compulsory Loan Regulations, 1953, every receipt issued at the time the compulsory loan was deducted from exchanged bank notes or from bank accounts will be exchanged to loan certificates from July 1, 1954. As for sums deducted which amount to less than IL.5m. tax vouchers will be issued. With these it will be possible to pay taxes or other payments due the Government exchequer or the local authorities.

Y. LERON
Public Relations Officer, Ministry of Finance.

Jerusalem, April 20

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DAN HOTEL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—In his column of April 23, Dahn Ben-Amotz somewhat misconstrued my remarks concerning the facilities in the Dan Hotel—perhaps because of language difficulties.

I think that a hotel like the "Dan" would do honour even to a city like Paris.

Yours etc.,
SOPHIE LE CLAIR

Tel Aviv, May 3.

Norse Visitors

EVER since the days of King Sigurd I, the "Jerusalem-farer," whose galleys serve as a trade mark for the frozen fish which has become a national dish, Norwegians have kept up a steady commercial interest in the Holy Land. This week, they have sent us another trade delegation to negotiate a new agreement.

The delegation's head, Mr. Helge Leikvang, is no newcomer to this country. He was here two years ago, when the first agreement was signed, and expressed himself happy to be here again, "in this incomparable city of Jerusalem". Mr. Leikvang expressed the hope that the agreement now under negotiation would further serve to strengthen the already cordial trade relations between the two countries. He underscored the admirable way in which the industries of the two countries complement each other and expressed his personal satisfaction with Israel citrus. He heads a Division in the Economic Department of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry.

The technical expert of the delegation is Mr. Per Rogstad, permanent Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries, whose task it is to coordinate the activities of the Norwegian fishing fleet — one of the largest in the world. His domain extends from Hammerfest in the North to Oslo in the South, a distance equal to that from Oslo to Rome. Mr. Rogstad, who is only 48, was formerly a Justice of the Norwegian Supreme Court. He, too, was a member of the last Norwegian trade delegation to Israel.

The third member of the party is Mr. Sigurd Monnesland, a departmental head of the Ministry of Commerce. He is a statistics expert and a specialist for the legal technical aspects of commercial negotiations.

Another newcomer is Mr. John Lahlum, Vice-President of the Norwegian State Bank, in charge of Foreign Exchange matters. Mr. Lahlum represented his country in all major trade negotiations with the U.S. and the European Payments Union, and his inclusion in the delegation adds to the importance which Norway attaches to the present talks.

Ski Expert

Mr. Emil Petersen, President of the Frionor Norwegian Frozen Fish Corporation, who is one of the two special advisers to the delegation, is an old friend of Israel. His ships were the first to break the blockade to bring much-needed food to Israel after the War of Liberation. Still regarded as one of the world's leading ski theoreticians, "in his younger years", as he ruefully puts it, he was one of Norway's leading Olympic skiers. His book "Ski" is regarded as the gospel of the Norwegian school of skiing.

The second counsellor of the Norwegian delegation is Mr. Olaf Omland, Secretary-General of the Canners' Association, a lawyer from Stavanger, who represents the Norwegian Manufacturers' Association.

The Norwegian representatives seemed to be somewhat anxious about the competition of Reparations goods from Germany but hoped a balanced trade and payments agreement would be signed this week. *L.O.M.*

Art Notes

Lighter Litvinowskys

THE tiny piece of paper handed out at the Bezalel Museum instead of a catalogue promises "Oil paintings on paper and charcoal" by Pinhas Litvinowsky. The visitor expecting oil paintings on charcoal will be disappointed. These are oil paintings and charcoal drawings, both on paper. And the visitor who, after about 10 years, hoped at last to see some pictures by Pinhas Litvinowsky, will be equally disappointed: again the exhibition offers about 100 rudimentary colour sketches, but there is not a single finished picture.

Thus, although the chit announces "We display... the achievements of.. Pinhas Litvinowsky," we can acknowledge the achievement only in output. We are sorry, but not a single one of the exhibited works strikes us as a true achievement. Finally, we are informed that "The painter did not denominate his pictures, fearing to limit thereby the imagination of the spectator." Again we regret to confess that our imagination constitutionally limited, did not allow us to see "the Emperor's New Clothes."

What we saw was a great number of drawings, clear and sure in line, but executed in a forced primitivity which takes its cue from Picasso and Braque, but never manages to impress as genuine. There are, moreover, dozens of the oil studies in which Litvinowsky has specialized for quite some time. Some of them, the "Grape Eater," the "Street Scene," the "Flower Seller," the "Head in Blue and Red" (denominations of your critic's limited imagination) betray Litvinowsky's great talent for balanced composition in form and colour and the first-rate technique he now hides so carefully. Others feature a breed of square-headed gimlets, the only original idea in Litvinowsky's present trend.

I heard a naive visitor exclaim: "How extremely interesting! Here one sees how Litvinowsky works." Quite wrong — here one sees how Litvinowsky does not work. The sketches are very interesting, but he never gets to paint the pictures.

To be fair—we forgot to mention the last category of the past year's achievements: a whole series of quite representational portraits of famous rabbis, from Maimonides to Rav Kook, as far as we were able to identify them. Here, the artist successfully caters to the tourists, who want to take home something "really Jewish" but still fits into a flat designed by a progressive interior decorator.

If the reader who shares the critic's conviction that Pinhas Litvinowsky is basically an extremely gifted artist finds these remarks too harsh, he should have a look at the piece of Picasso's pottery, exhibited in the anteroom of the Litvinowsky exhibition. Such a comparison will give the gist of this criticism clearer than we are able to formulate it. *Th. F.M.*

Harold Rotenberg

HAROLD Rotenberg, painter from Boston at present visiting Israel, is currently showing a series of gouache impressions of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa scene at the Katz Galleries.

He obviously holds the technical tradition in respect, and the works shown are skilfully painted, depicting without comment the landscape or street scenes which have caught his attention. He picks out the points of topographical as well as pictorial significance, and his handling of the medium is free and happy and his colour schemes bright and clear, although one of the best works in the show is the "Grey Day" with its threatening sky and gloomy mood, more atmospheric than most of the other works.

This is not Mr. Rotenberg's first visit to the country; he was here as a youth when he spent 10 months studying at the "New Bezalel" in Jerusalem. He now teaches art at the School attached to the Boston Institute of Contemporary Art but spends his summers painting out of the city and holds an annual exhibition in New York.

S.W.

KEEPING POSTED

SEVERAL wise men and a couple of wise women were sitting around discussing manners in Israel. Some one said that shopkeepers were not as rude to customers as they used to be some years ago. Someone else said that that was a bad sign — whenever business was good, shopkeepers took the attitude that it had been a lot of trouble to get the stuff into the shop, and they weren't going to let it go easily. True, said a woman present. "During the war I once went along with two English visitors to help them buy a second-hand ice box. When we got to the shop there were a lot of ice-boxes on the pavement, and a man sitting by them reading a newspaper. I asked him how much they were. He looked over the top of his paper, scowled, and went on reading. I asked again. He said he wasn't the owner and didn't know. Where was the owner? He said he didn't know that either, he was just minding the place for him and didn't ask so many questions as some people did. With that he retired behind the paper again. We left the place defeated, and one of the English women said she was rather glad that this had happened. They had been treated in the same way at the first shop they had visited, and had of course thought it was because no one likes the English".

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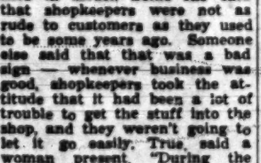
WELL, said one of the men. He had gone to get a haircut, and apparently had rested



his arm on an old magazine. Another customer fancied the paper and snatched it out with a sudden movement, startling him so that he fell over sideways with his chair. When he complained, the man answered, "Ah, what do you want. Why should I ask you for the paper? It isn't yours, anyway."

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OF course you never know. Another man, who admits to being irritable, said that he had had some trouble with a government office and had wasted a good deal of time calling there for some document that took a long time to arrive. When he came for the third time and the thing still wasn't ready he says he lost his temper and shouted at the clerk. The clerk said nothing, and after a moment the visitor got a grip on himself and said "Well it's your fault that I shouted at you; no one can have that much patience or time". "Not at all," said the clerk. "As a citizen you are quite entitled to shout. I'm just not supposed to shout back".

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WE had rather a strange experience last week. We wanted to take a tourist to a restaurant in the neighbourhood of the town, which we had heard was well spoken of in the past. It is not very far, and with a little trouble we found a car to take us most of the way. The driver's instructions were to walk up the hill by the little path, and we would come upon the place in five minutes. It was a hot day and the path was very steep, but the view beautiful and the flowers quite charming. At the end of a quarter of an hour we began to get a little anxious. The first building we tried turned out to be a convent, but after that we saw the house, with a large signboard reading "Pension and Restaurant." There was an open gate, but we seemed to lose our way after that, and ended by climbing up some rocks and through a space in a wire fence. That took us into the garden of the pension, and we were discouraged to find it deserted. We wandered round the house for a while looking for the entrance and couldn't find it. There was an open door down a few neatly white-washed steps. We looked inside and found five ascetic-looking cots with grey blankets and white sheets all tucked in. The floor was very clean but there was nothing there but the beds. A shutter creaked mournfully in the wind. We suddenly took a dislike to the place and hurried round to the front again. Suddenly a young man came out who looked like a caretaker. We asked whether the place wasn't open or something. Did they serve lunch? Lunch? he said, surprised. Certainly not. What was the matter, we asked, the season was on, it was after Passover already. Then he smiled at us affably and said "This isn't a pension any longer. It's a hospital. For Nervous Cases. And we aren't opening until tomorrow, so I couldn't understand what you were doing here already."

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A MOTHER tells us that her four-year-old daughter always wants to work the electric

carpet sweeper. After a bit she tried to explain to the child that it doesn't agree with a Hoover to have little girls operate it. She was very offended and asked "How does the Hoover know I'm a little girl?"

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